

Comment on RM-10869 - I do not concur with the K4SX proposal, it is in fact regressive not progressive. Code testing is an artificial and unnecessary impediment to amateur radio licensing. To justify this by saying that Morse code would be "the most reliable" mode of communications in an emergency, and therefore we must be prepared, is just ridiculous. One hundred years ago CW was a very practical and necessary form of rf-communications. Then (one hundred years ago) it was the most robust form of communications until the mid twentieth century, but that is history. It has been replaced by a plethora of communications technologies, such as digital codes, modulation schemes and waveforms. The professional communicators of the world, commercial, military and government communicators no longer use CW and the ITU no longer requires its testing, nor should we. Signed -Robert Y. Felt, KB5YZG